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## SOUTH CAROLINA TURKEYS RAISED UP

SOUTH CAROLINA'S turkeys raised during 2007 was 10,500,000, up 9 percent from the 9,600,000 raised during 2006 reported the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office. S.C. growers intend to raise 10,900,000 turkeys in 2008, up 4 percent from 2007.

Turkeys raised in the UNITED STATES during 2007 totaled 272 million birds, up 4 percent from the 262 million raised in 2006. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 48.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 22.0 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 16.0 million, and Indiana with 15.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007.

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2008. These States produced over 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2007. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2007, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina unchanged, Arkansas up 3 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California up 4 percent, and Indiana up 6 percent.